

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A surgical device for direct insertion, comprising:
 - a handle having a slot with a first track and a second track;
 - a shaft extending from the handle having a first internal lumen and an opening disposed at a distal end;
 - an anvil slidably disposed in the opening between open and closed positions to capture tissue within the opening;
 - a cutting blade slidably disposed in the opening between a proximal [closed] position and a distal [forward] position as to the handle; and
 - a actuator movably disposed in the handle and operatively connected to the anvil and the cutting blade, wherein when the actuator is moved a first predetermined distance in the first track the anvil moves between the open position and the closed position, and when the actuator is moved a second predetermined distance in the second track further the cutting blade moves between the proximal [closed] and the distal [forward] position.
2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, wherein when the actuator is moved a first predetermined distance in the first track, the cutting blade moves between an [the] open position and a [the] closed position.
3. (Amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the shaft is movable between a proximal [rear] position and a distal [forward] position, and wherein the actuator is operatively connected to the shaft for moving the shaft between the proximal [rear] position and the distal [forward] position.
4. (Amended) The device of claim 3, wherein the slot has a third track and when the actuator is moved a third predetermined distance in the third track, the shaft moves between the [rear] proximal position and the [forward] distal position.
5. (Amended) A surgical device for direct insertion, comprising:
 - a handle having a slot with a first track and a second track;

a shaft extending from the handle having a first internal lumen and an opening disposed at a distal end, the shaft movable between a proximal [rear] position and a [forward] distal position as to the handle;

an anvil slidably disposed in the opening between open and closed positions to capture tissue within the opening; and

an actuator movably disposed in the handle and operatively connected to the shaft and the anvil, wherein when the actuator is moved a first predetermined distance in the first track the shaft moves between the proximal [rear] position and the distal [forward] position, and when the actuator is moved a second predetermined distance in the second track, the anvil moves between the open position and the closed position.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Amended) The device of claim 5 [6], wherein the slot has a third track and when the actuator is moved a third predetermined distance in the third track, the cutting blade moves between the open position and the closed position.

8. (Amended) A surgical device for direct insertion, comprising:
a handle having a slot with a first track and a second track;
a shaft extending from the handle having a first internal lumen and an opening disposed at a distal end, the shaft movable between a proximal [rear] position and a distal [front] position as to the handle;
a lock for preventing movement of the shaft relative to the handle;
an actuator movably disposed in the handle and operatively connected to the shaft, whereupon, when the actuator moves from a first position within the first track to a second position within the first track, the lock prevents the shaft from moving relative to the handle.

9. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, wherein the lock is disposed within the handle.

10. (Amended) The device of claim 8, wherein the lock locks the shaft when the shaft is at the distal [forward] position.

11. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 8, comprising an anvil slidably disposed in the opening between an open position and a closed position to capture tissue within the opening, the anvil having a surface disposed at a distal end; and wherein the slot has a second track, and

when actuator moves a predetermined distance within the second track, the anvil moves between the open and closed positions.

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